

Death Sentence Reprieve

Salisbury The business of our Assizes commenced on Monday, last, before Mr. Justice Abbot and Mr. Justice Holroyd; the former presiding in the Crown Court, and the latter at Nisi Prius. The calendar of prisoners was very heavy, and their trials were not concluded till Thursday, morning. The awful sentence of death was passed on the following prisoners, 17 in number: William Maslen, for breaking open the house of James Moore at Seend. Of the prisoners sentenced to death, all have been reprieved excepting William Gale, for sacrilege, who is to be executed on Tuesday, the 24th instant.

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